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Jim Doyle, Governor
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Bill Clingan, Division Administrator

Date: June 24, 2005

To: Interested Persons and Organizations

From: Bill Clingan, Administrator, Division of Workforce Solutions

Re: Wisconsin Works (W-2) Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Period January 1, 2006 through

December 31, 2009 - RFP Issued on Department's Web Site.

The Department of Workforce Development, Division of Workforce Solutions, is issuing this RFP for the purpose of seeking agencies to administer Wisconsin Works (W-2) and Related Programs for the contract period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2009. This RFP is being issued electronically at http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dws/w2/rfp/2006-2009/default.htm. It will be made available in accessible formats to qualified individuals with disabilities.

W-2 and Related Programs are a comprehensive array of employment and training services including job development and placement, job retention, eligibility determinations for child care, W-2 case management, FoodShare Employment and Training, Job Access Loans, Refugee Cash Assistance, Refugee Medical Assistance, Emergency Assistance, and, the optional programs of Children First and Contracted Child Care.

Proposals are due by 4:00 p.m. central time on July 29, 2005, in accordance with the requirements stated in the RFP. Interested parties are encouraged to participate.

Proposer Agencies interested in submitting a proposal should plan to send a representative to one of two conferences for Proposer and Right of First Selection (RFS) agencies as follows:

- July 6, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Madison Hotel, 706 John Nolen Drive, Madison, Wisconsin, for Balance of State proposers and RFS recontracting
- July 7, 2005, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Milwaukee State Office Building, 819 North Sixth Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Room 40, for Milwaukee proposers

The focus of this RFP is on:

- Assisting program participants in making what might be their initial connection to employment;
- Ensuring that participants strengthen connections to employment and career ladders;
- Providing employment stabilization services that ensure employment retention and rapid reattachment; and,
- Providing assistance in obtaining Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) for those participants with multiple and severe barriers to employment.

For information regarding this RFP, contact Mary Tremain from DWS at (608) 266-1544; TDD (866) 275-1165; Fax: (608) 267-3240 E-mail: mary.tremain@dwd.state.wi.us.